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[54] **TIRE TREAD**

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[57] CLAIM

The ornamental design for a tire tread, as shown and described.

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DESCRIPTION

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FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a first embodiment of a tire tread showing our new design, it being understood that the pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view thereof;

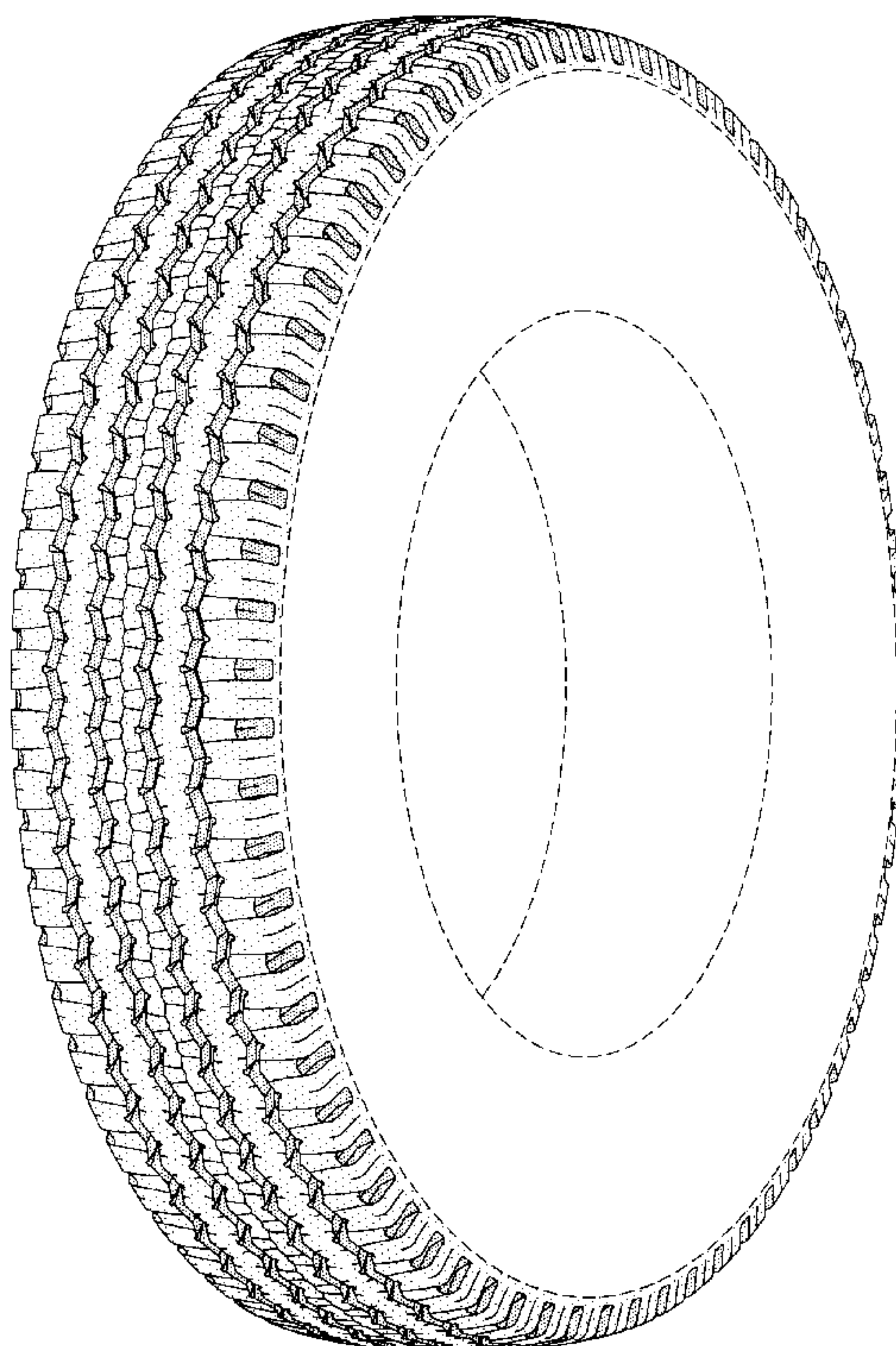
FIG. 3 is a side elevational view thereof, the opposite side elevational view being identical thereto;

FIG. 4 is an enlarged fragmentary front perspective view thereof; and,

FIG. 5 is a front elevational view of a second embodiment of a tire tread, showing our new design, it being understood that the pattern repeats uniformly throughout the circumference of the tread, the side elevational views thereof being identical to those shown in FIG. 3.

In the drawings, the broken lines defining the inner bead of the sidewall and the peripheral boundary between the tire tread and the sidewall are for illustrative purposes only and form no part of the claimed design.

1 Claim, 5 Drawing Sheets



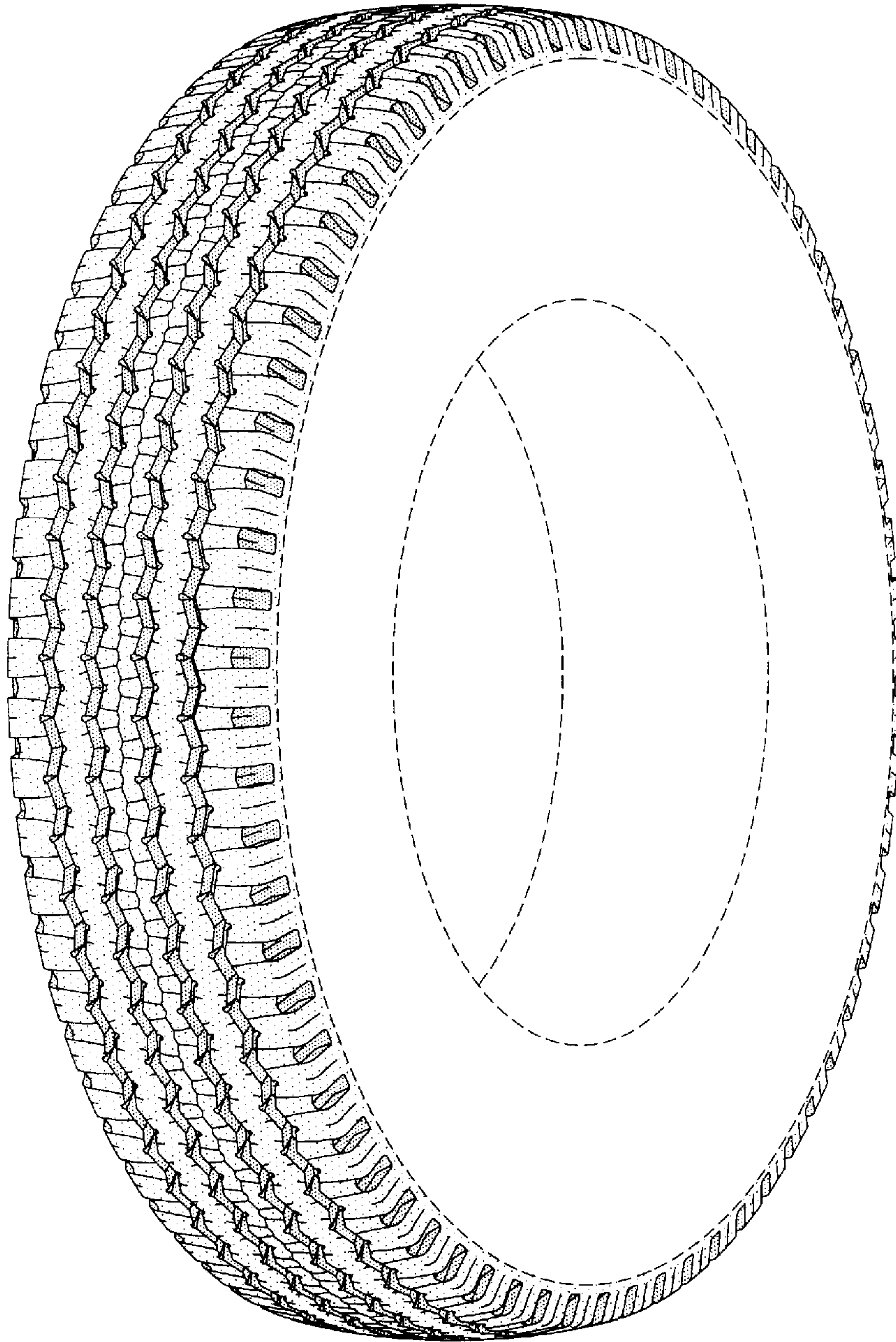


FIG-1

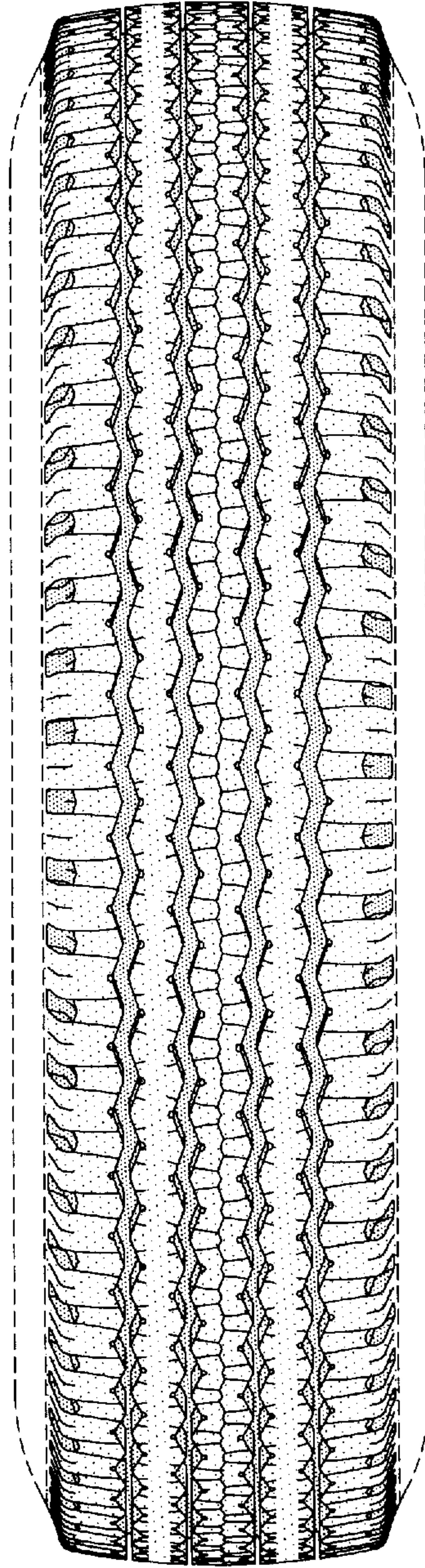


FIG-2

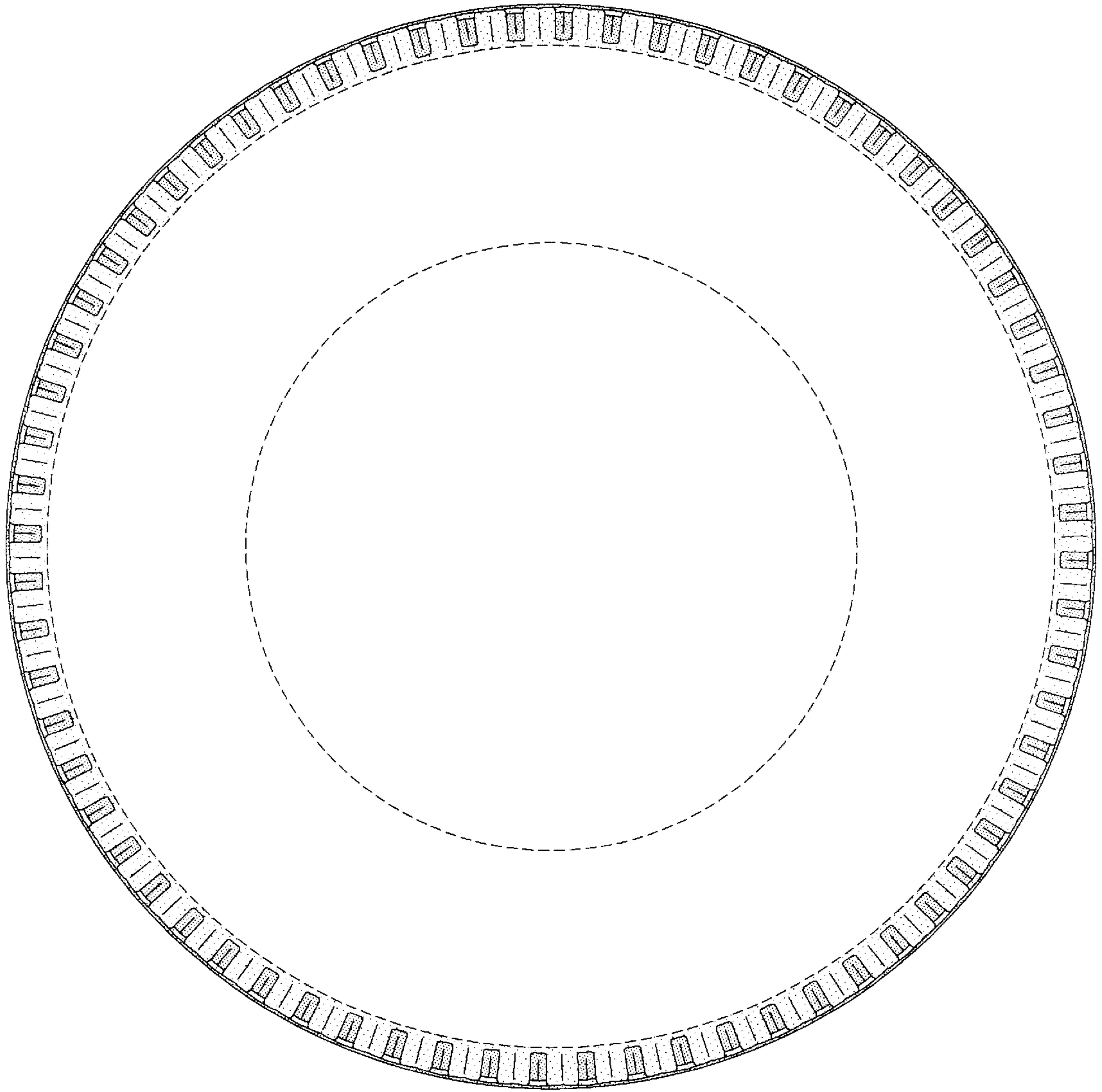


FIG-3

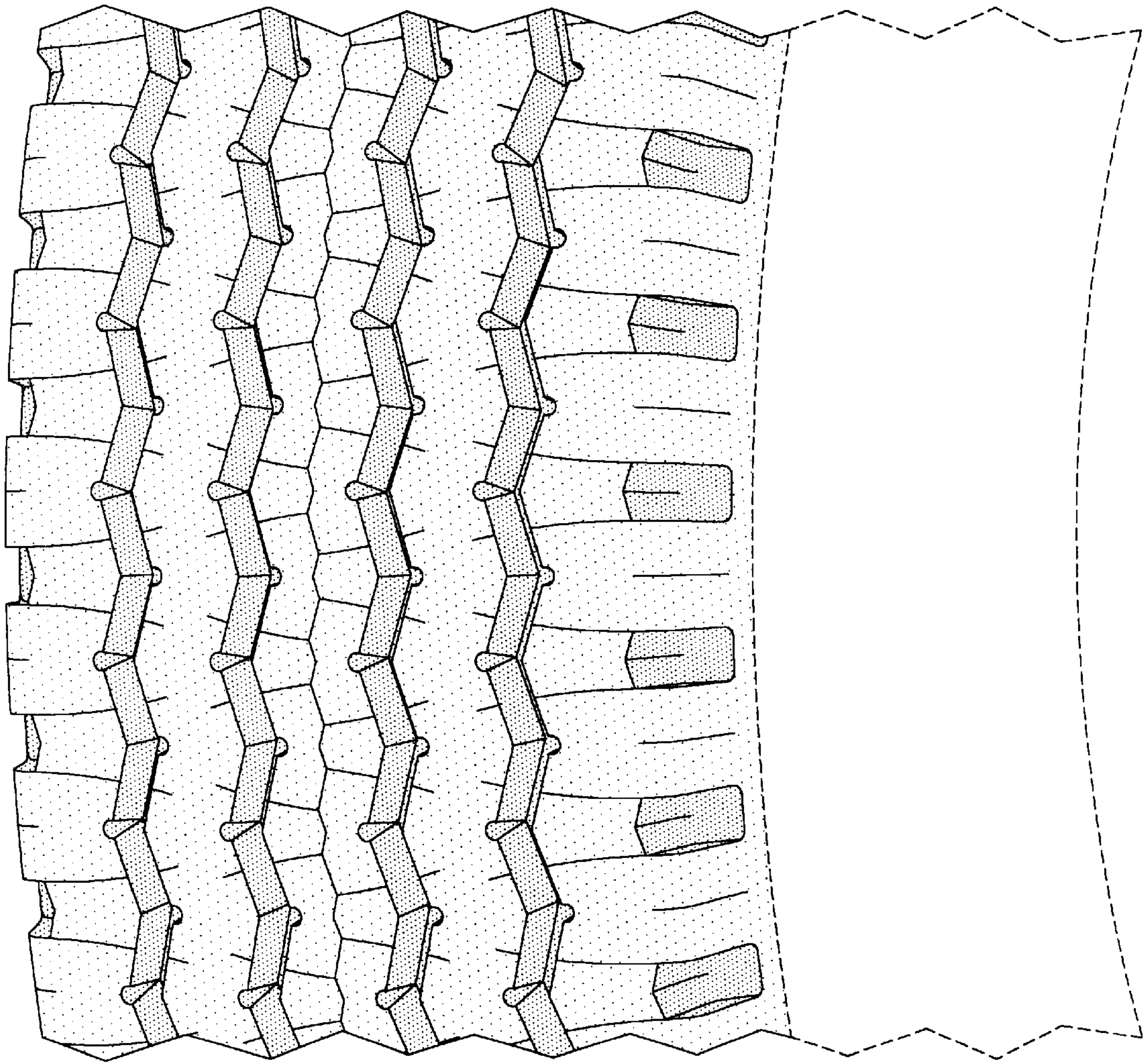


FIG-4

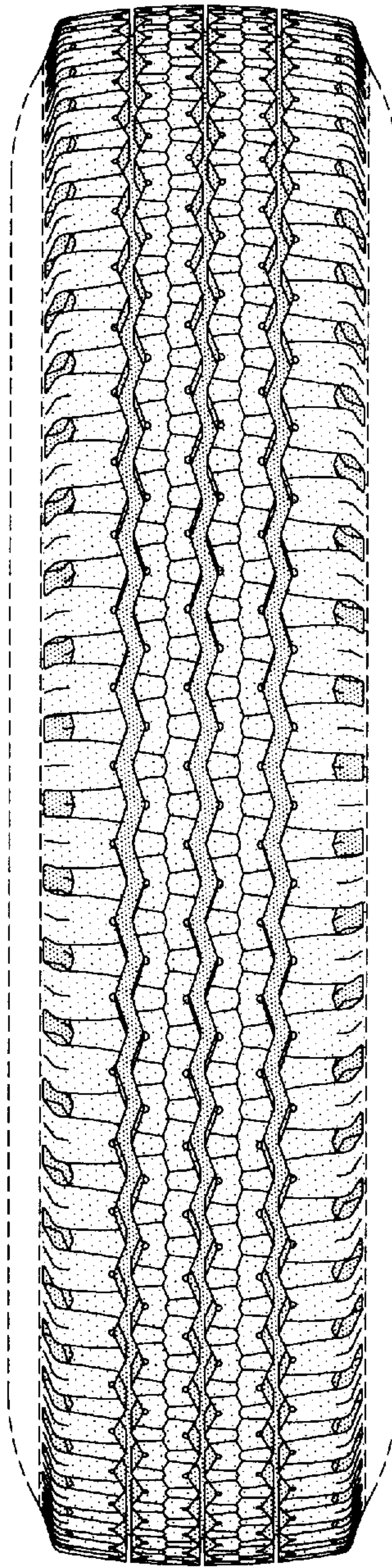


FIG-5